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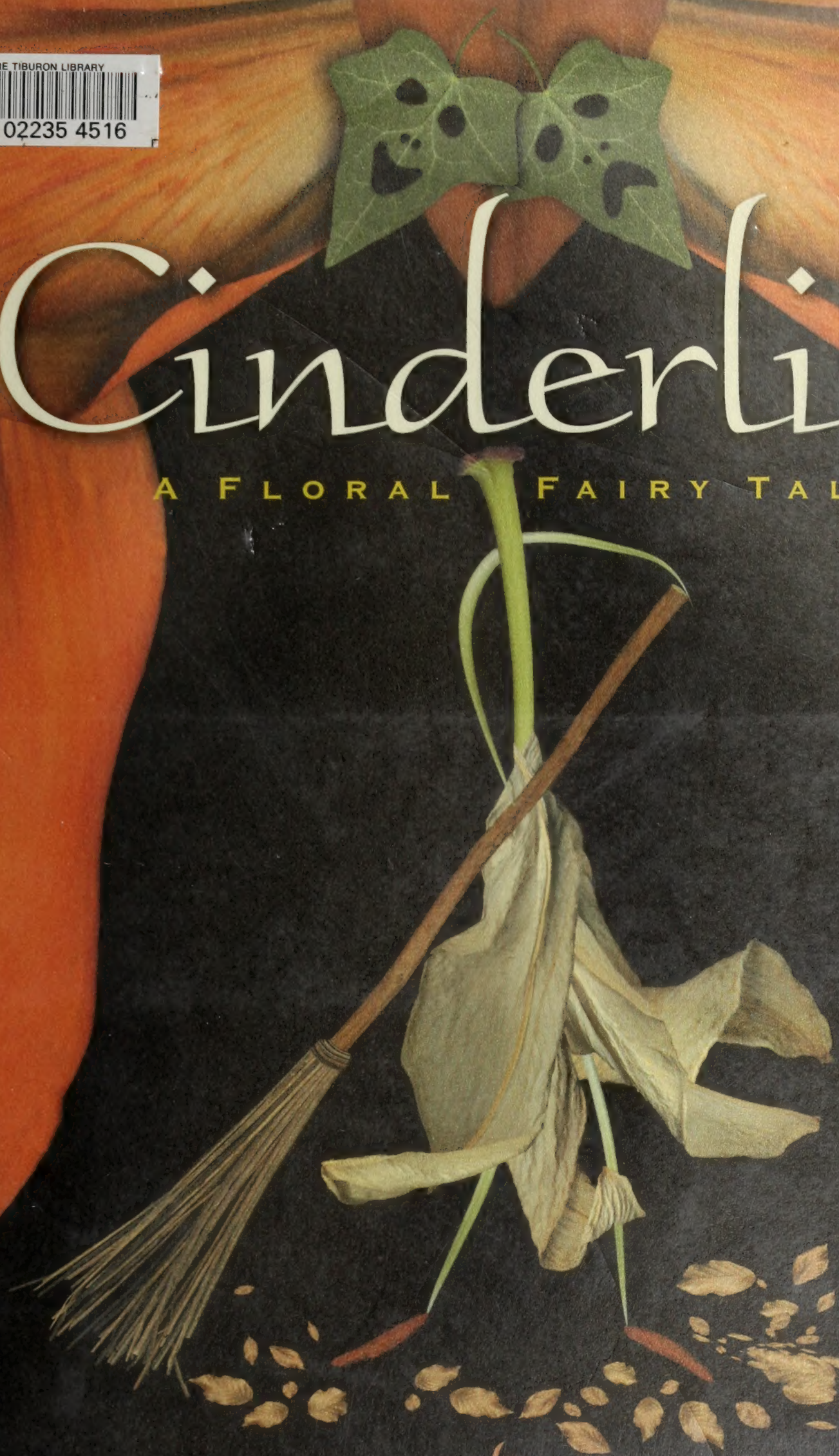

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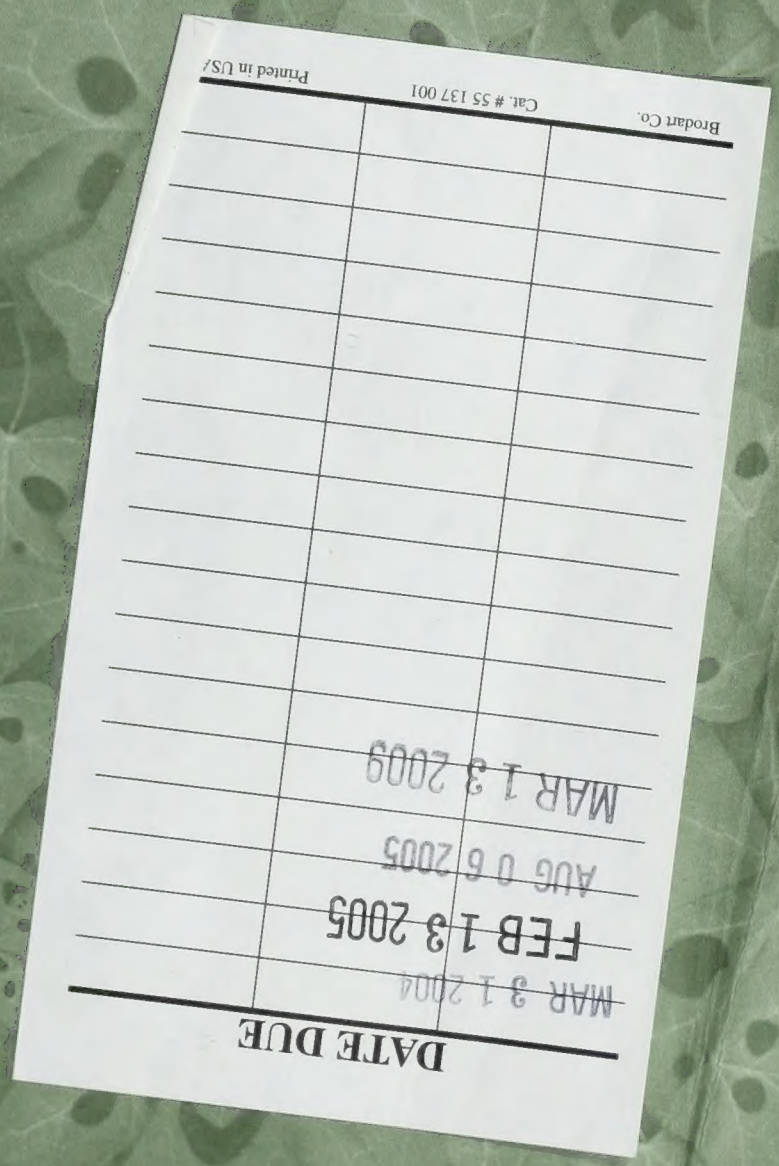

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*in Three Acts*

*Directed, designed, and choreographed by*

**DAVID ELLWAND**

*Libretto by*

**CHRISTINE TAGG**

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ACT I

*The Sultan's Autumn Ball*

A FORMAL INVITATION

*comes to flowers one* AND *all:*

Please gather
at the Palace for the
ROYAL
AUTUMN BALL.
Tonight the Sultan
will choose his bride—
the loveliest bloom
of all.

*One bedraggled flower hears*

*the news* AND *gives a sigh.*

*Her name is* CINDERLILY,

*and she's beautiful but shy.*

*Forlorn and sad, she smoothes her petals—*

*she's trying not to cry.*

*Then she hears her sisters calling,*
*"You must* HELP US *look our best.*
*Then surely, at the Sultan's Ball,*
*we'll* STAND OUT *from the rest."*

"And as for you, there, Cinderlily,
you simply cannot come.
You'll STAY right here and clean the house
while we are having fun."

*Poor Cinderlily, all alone,*

**SHE WILL NOT**

**HAVE A CHANCE.**

*She'll rub and scrub and dust and sweep*

*while her mean old sisters dance.*

*So Cinderlily* DAYDREAMS

*as she floats around the room.*

*Twirling lightly round* AND *round,*

SHE DANCES WITH

HER BROOM.

ACT II
A Fairy Visit

*Suddenly a light appears—*

*a fairy hovers near.*

*"CINDERLILY, don't despair," she cries,*

*"now that I am here.*

*My magic will* TRANSFORM *you—*

*with the Sultan you shall dance.*

*But mind, be back by* MIDNIGHT,

*or that's the* END *of the romance."*

*And so the fairy casts a spell,*

*and to Cinderlily's* SURPRISE . . .

*A splendid* GOLDEN *coach appears,*

*with six bright butterflies.*

*When Cinderlily looks again,*

*her wishes have come true—*

*her torn and faded petals*

*are* BLOOMING *all* ANEW.

*At the ball, the handsome* SULTAN

*greets his eager garden guests.*

*It's clear from all their gestures*

*that each* HOPES *to be the best—*

*a row of nervous flowers*

*all keen to pass the test.*

*To only one he'll give his heart,*

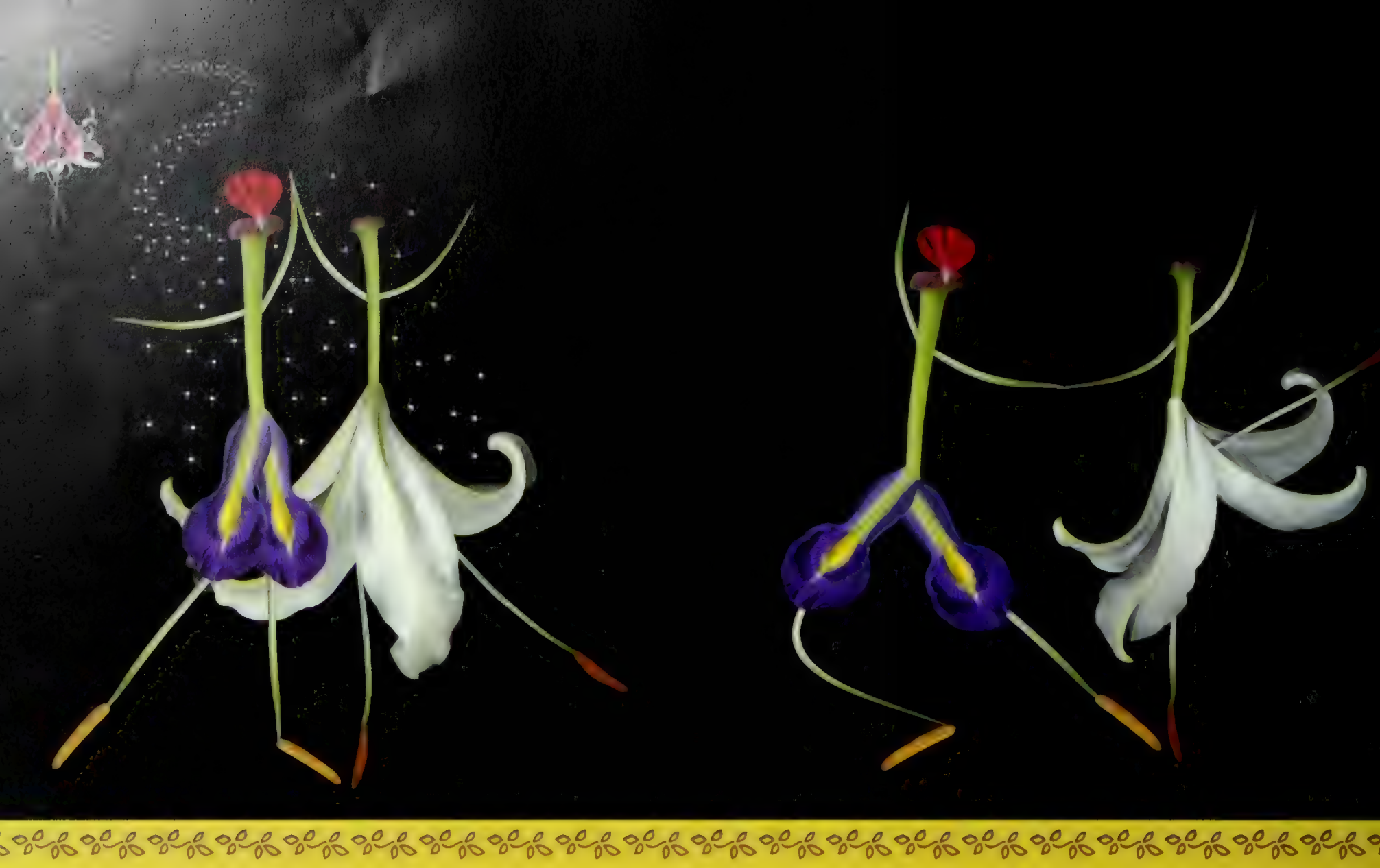
*to just one bloom his* LOVE *confess.*

*The band strikes up, the music starts,*

A WALTZ BEGINS THE BALL.

*And as the flowers join the dance,*

*the Sultan scans the hall.*



*Fluttering near,* THE FAIRY *knows*
*the very flower he must meet.*
*She casts a spell to show him*
*Cinderlily,* SHY AND SWEET.

*And when he sees* HER LOVELINESS,

HIS HEART *near skips a beat.*

*For hours beneath the velvet sky*

THEY DANCE *without a care,*

*until the clock chimes midnight. . . .*

*Then she's no longer there! Just a* SINGLE

*lily* PETAL *and her fragrance in the air.*

## ACT III

## *The Handsome Couple*

*So the Palace proclaims a search*

*of gardens* FAR AND WIDE.

*The petal on a cushion rests,*

*the Sultan by its side.*

"WHOMSO'ER

THIS PETAL FITS

*shall be the Royal Bride."*

*Day by day* THE FLOWERS *come*
*to heed the royal call.*

*The missing petal is gently tried*

IN VAIN *by one* AND *all . . .*

*until the Sultan sees, as he*

*enters one small room,*

*the faded,* UNFORGETTABLE *charm*

*of a once familiar bloom.*

"WILL YOU

BE MY BRIDE?" *he asks.*

*"I would gladly be your groom."*

*And with dancing petals rising,*

*a daffodil* FANFARE

*sounds for the handsome couple*

*and for fairies everywhere . . .*

*to* CELEBRATE

*the* MARRIAGE

*of such a happy pair.*

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*Iris Xiphium as* THE SULTAN

*Lilium Stargazer as* THE FAIRY GODMOTHER

*Libretto by* CHRISTINE TAGG

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DAVID ELLWAND is the creator and photographer of FAIRIE-ALITY: THE FASHION COLLECTION FROM THE HOUSE OF ELLWAND, an award-winning book of fashions for fairies. Of CINDERLILY he says, "This book is the realization of a vision I had about six years ago, informed by many years of photographing flowers, the continuing use of natural materials in my work, and the marvels of modern computer technology. All the poses are based on actual ballet and gymnastic moves. Cinderlily's jumps are based on the great Olga Korbut!"

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